

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims with a status identifier in parenthesis.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A removable moving member for knitting having a base end portion and a front end portion, in which the base end portion ~~can be~~ is mounted mountable on and ~~dismounted~~ dismountable from ~~a travel means member~~ that travels along a needle bed of a weft knitting machine, ~~which is moved by being~~ the moving member being carried by the travel ~~means member~~ without using a rail ~~for traveling only~~ when the moving member is mounted on the travel ~~means member~~, and in which ~~wherein~~ an operation of supporting to knit knitting a fabric ~~can be~~ is performed at the front end portion when the base end portion is mounted on the travel ~~member means~~, comprising:

~~a hook means that is~~ member provided on the base end portion, and ~~that can be switched~~ switchable between a hook state in which the hook ~~means member~~ is mounted on the travel ~~member means including while hooking~~ a support member ~~provided in the hook means to be~~ hooked to the travel member by sandwiching the support member in a vertical direction, and a non-hook state in which the hook ~~means member~~ is not hooked on the travel ~~means member~~; and

~~a biasing means that is~~ device, provided on the base end portion, ~~and that biases to bias~~ with a spring, ~~such that a hook state of the hook means member maintaining a hook state~~ on the travel ~~member means is kept when mounted on the travel member means to hold the removable moving member by the travel means~~,

wherein the hook ~~means member~~ ~~can be~~ is switched switchable from the hook state to the non-hook state against a biasing force of the biasing ~~means device~~ when a predetermined external force is applied.

2. (Currently Amended) The removable moving member for knitting of claim 1, wherein the hook ~~means member~~ includes a pair of levers that intersect each other in a middle and in a shape of an X, ~~that can be the pair of levers being~~ swingingly displaceable around an intersecting portion, ~~that have and wherein the pair of levers includes that have~~ one end sides for hooking on the travel ~~means member~~, and ~~that have~~ other end sides for receiving the predetermined external force, and the biasing ~~means device~~ biases with a the spring and the pair of levers such that the one end sides move closer to each other.

3. (Currently Amended) The removable moving member for knitting of claim 2, wherein the biasing ~~device means~~ has is a wire-shaped spring or a plate-shaped spring ~~that is~~ provided at a position closer to the one end sides of the levers with respect to the intersecting portion of the pair of levers of the hook ~~means member~~, ~~and that has~~ the biasing device including a middle portion which is curved using and uses the intersecting portion as a supporting point such that both ends can move resiliently, and

the pair of levers ~~have~~ includes pressing portions that are provided on portions on the other end sides with respect to the intersecting portion, ~~that~~ and abut against the spring, ~~and that the pair of levers receiveing~~ the biasing force of the spring ~~with~~ by a pressing force from the spring.

4. (Currently Amended) A weft knitting machine provided with a knitting member switching apparatus, comprising:

a travel ~~means that is member~~ provided with a holder ~~provided with~~ having a support member on which the removable moving member for knitting according to ~~claims~~ claim 1 ~~can be is~~ mounted mountable;

~~a stopping means that is member~~ provided on a path on which the travel ~~means member~~ travels, ~~and that the stopping member stops being used to stop~~ the removable moving member for knitting;

~~a switching means that is member~~ is provided on the stopping ~~means member~~, ~~and that can apply to apply~~ an external force for switching the hook ~~means member~~ of the removable moving member for knitting between the hook state and the non-hook state; and

a knitting member switching apparatus ~~for shifting to shift~~ to a state in which the removable moving member for knitting is stopped by the stopping ~~means member~~, by switching the base end portion to the non-hook state with respect to the holder, ~~and~~ by applying an external force from the switching ~~means member~~ to the hook ~~means member~~, when the travel ~~means member~~ passes by the stopping ~~means member~~ while the removable moving member for knitting is mounted as the knitting member on the holder, ~~and the knitting member being further used to switch between~~

~~for switching between keeping maintaining~~ a state in which the removable moving member for knitting is stopped by the stopping ~~means member~~ and shifting to the hook state in which the removable moving member for knitting is mounted on the holder of the travel ~~means member~~, by applying or not applying an external force from the switching ~~means member~~ to the hook ~~means member~~, when the travel ~~means member~~ passes by the stopping ~~means member~~ while the removable moving member for knitting is stopped by the stopping ~~means member~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the holder has a plurality of positions on which the removable moving member for knitting ~~can be~~ is mounted mountable, and

the knitting member switching apparatus ~~mounts~~ being usable to mount the removable moving member for knitting on the holder by selecting one ~~from~~ of the plurality of positions.

6. (Currently Amended) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the switching ~~means~~ member includes:

a stopping control lever that projects from the stopping ~~means~~ member to one side of a path on which the travel ~~means~~ member travels such that the stopping control lever is along the path, the stopping control lever ~~that can be~~ being swingingly ~~displaced~~ displaceable around a supporting point provided on the other side ~~on~~ of the path, and ~~that can~~ slidingly ~~abut~~ abutable against the other sides on the hook ~~means~~ member when the travel ~~means~~ member on which the removable moving member for knitting is mounted moves closer from the one side;

a biasing member ~~for biasing~~ to bias the stopping control lever to a direction in which an external force for switching the hook ~~means~~ member to the non-hook ~~state~~ member is not applied;

a force receiving member, ~~that is~~ provided at a position, away ~~over~~ from the supporting point, on the other side ~~on~~ of the path, and ~~that to~~ swingingly displaces displace the stopping control lever in a direction in which the one side applies an external force for switching the hook ~~means~~ member to the non-hook state, against a biasing force of the biasing member, when a pressing force is received while the holder that is provided on the travel ~~means~~ member passes by; and

a lever lock ~~means~~ member ~~that to can~~ locks lock a state in which the stopping control lever is swingingly displaced with a pressing force to the force receiving member,

wherein the stopping ~~means~~ has member includes a stopper portion ~~that is~~ provided on the other side ~~on~~ of the path, and ~~that allows~~ to allow the travel ~~means~~ member to travel while preventing the movement of the removable moving member for knitting ~~from moving~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The weft knitting machine of 4, wherein the switching ~~means~~

member includes:

a stopping control lever ~~that projects~~, projecting from the stopping ~~means~~ member to one side of a path on which the travel ~~means~~ member travels such that the stopping control lever is along the path, ~~that can be~~ the stopping control lever being swingingly ~~displaced~~ displaceable around a supporting point provided on the other side ~~on~~ of the path, and ~~that can be~~ being slidingly ~~about~~ abutable against the other sides on the hook ~~means~~ member when the travel ~~means~~ member, on which the removable moving member for knitting, is mounted moves closer from the one side; and

an actuator ~~for switching~~ to switch the stopping control lever between a state in which an external force for switching the hook ~~means~~ member to the non-hook state is not applied, and a state in which the external force is applied,

wherein the stopping ~~means~~ has member includes a stopper portion ~~that is~~ provided on the other side ~~on~~ of the path, ~~and that allows~~ to allow the travel ~~means~~ member to travel while preventing the movement of the removable moving member for knitting ~~from moving~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The weft knitting machine of claim 6, wherein the stopping ~~means~~ member includes:

stopping a stopper means for preventing to prevent the removable moving member for knitting from moving ~~such so~~ that the removable moving member for knitting does not move together with the holder when the travel ~~means~~ lets member permits the holder ~~advance from~~ advancing from the other side while the removable moving member for knitting is stopped, ~~and for canceling~~ and to cancel the prevention when the holder passes by; and

a sensor ~~for detecting~~ to detect whether or not ~~there is~~ the removable moving member for knitting is at the position of the stopper portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a plurality of removable moving members for knitting, a plurality of holders, and a plurality of stopping ~~means members are provided, and, wherein~~

the knitting member switching apparatus is useable to selectively ~~mounts~~ mount one or a plurality of removable moving members for knitting on the holders that are provided, in correspondence with the selected removable moving members for knitting.

10. (Previously Presented) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the removable moving member for knitting ~~has a function as the knitting member, as~~ operates as a yarn feeding port for feeding a knitting yarn to a knitting needle.

11. (Previously Presented) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the travel ~~means member~~ is a carriage that travels back and forth along a needle bed, and ~~that lets~~ provides knitting needles arranged side by side on the needle bed to perform a knitting operation.

12. (Previously Presented) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the travel ~~means member~~ travels on a path that is ~~provided so as to face~~ faces a side on which a fabric is knitted on the needle bed.

13. (Previously Presented) The weft knitting machine of claim 4, wherein the stopping ~~means member~~, the switching ~~means member~~, and the knitting member switching apparatus are movable~~can move~~.

14. (Previously Presented) The weft ~~K~~knitting machine of claim 7, wherein the stopping ~~means member~~ includes:

stopping a stopper ~~means for preventing~~ to prevent the removable moving member for knitting from moving such that the removable moving member for knitting does not move together with the holder when the travel ~~means lets member permits~~ the holder ~~advance from advancing~~ from the other side while the removable moving member for knitting is stopped, and to cancel ~~for canceling~~ the prevention when the holder passes by; and

a sensor ~~for detecting~~ to detect whether or not ~~there is~~ the removable moving member for knitting is at the position of the stopper portion.